RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Supreme Court in its judgement dated 10.4.95 in Writ Petition No. 1022/89 had directed the Union of India to take immediate measures for implementation of the direction to achieve the objective of setting up an All India Judicial Service. The matter is being considered in consultation with the State Government/High Courts. It is not possible to indicate the time by which the service would be constituted

(c) Pendency of cases in Courts is due to various complex factors including inadequacy of Judge strength. The High Courts have fixed their own yard sticks for increasing the Judge strength on the basis of insitution and pendency of cases and taking into account the availability of financial resources and infrastructural facilities. Since the disposal of a case depends upon various factors, increase in Judge strength alone may not be able to clear the large pendency.

(d) In order to consider the problem of arrears of cases of Courts and to find out ways and means to deal with it is as expeditiously as possible, a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices was held on 4th December, 1993 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The Conference recommended several steps in a resolution it adopted for the speedy disposal of cases in the Courts/ Tribunals. This resolution has been commended to all the State Governments/UT Administrations and High Courts/Tribunals for necessary action. The Administration of Justice has been made a plan item as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to remove the infrastructural bottlenecks coming in the way of expeditious disposal of cases in Courts.

Newsitem regarding Internal Control System in Banks

3631. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a newsitem entitled 'RBI urges banks to beef up internal control system', that appeared in the New Delhi edition of the Hindustan Times dated the 10th August, 1996; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are of the view that internal control systems in bank need attention on a continuing basis.

Sale of Banned Drugs in Indian Market

3632. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) wether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the Hindustan Times dated 23rd August, 1996 captioned "Banned drugs find market in India";

(b) if so, whether Baralgan, Dipyrone, Periactin, Verdiviton etc. which are banned in Germany, U.K. etc. are being sold in India;

(c) whether Government are aware that even a country like Bangladesh have evolved a national drug strategy based on the Book by Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury and the U.S. Deptt. set up a Task Force to adyise physicians against prescribing irrational combination of drugs; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps Government have taken so far in this regard?